

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on May 23, 2014.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Jane Halverson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Zachary Lang recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson (7:02), Tom Ward, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley (7:02), Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck and Dean Buchanan.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. The high school track team competed recently at regionals and sections, and will have state qualifiers.
2. The marching bands will perform in the June Dairy Days parade.
3. The high school jazz band will perform between 2:00-4:00 on Saturday in the gazebo.

Student reported on:

1. The high school student council recently elected officers.
2. The high school band and choir held their farewell concert and picnic on May 19.
3. Last Friday was Senior Sing Out at the high school. Former board representative, Alyssa Noll, was awarded for her perfect attendance.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – John Hammes of the West Salem Hockey Association requested the board consider the association's needs when considering future building plans.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – The committee met and discussed the 12-13 and 13-14 budgets.

Staff Relations – The committee met with the teacher negotiators and also discussed handbook concerns.

TAC – Mr. Ward and Mr. Gunderson attended an area Technical Advisory Committee which investigated a possible subdivision in the Shorewood Addition.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting of minutes of May 13, 2013; Special Board Meeting of May 15, 2013; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Open Enrollment request for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the donation from Pizza Villa for the middle school art department; and from Jane Bangsberg for the elementary school. Motion carried unanimously.

Kindergarten Teacher Elissa Trussoni and Lead Teacher Jane Macdonald presented to the board on how the board grant for ESL Resources that Ms. Trussoni applied for was used in her classroom.

High School Guidance Counselor Cathy Tyink presented to the board on how the board grant Mrs. Tyink applied for was used and will be used at the high school to deal with bullying.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the early graduation request as presented.

Curriculum Director Michael St. Pierre presented testing data from the Performance Initiative – Teaching and Learning.

Pupil Services Director Eric Jensen reviewed the Servant Leadership proposal for the district. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the Servant Leadership program as presented with the option of offering for a credit and paid for by the participant, and not compensating the individual participants at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the renewal of the food service co-op agreement with the Bangor School District for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Schlimgen moved to amend the motion to increase the contract fee to \$15,600. Motion failed due to lack of a second. A vote was taken on the original motion. Motion carried. (5 Aye, 1 Nay)

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the WIAA affiliation for the high school and middle level athletics for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2013 summer school classes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the support staff renewals for the 2013-2014 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation to hire Casi Jones as a middle school reading teacher, Benjamin Tashner as a middle school EBD teacher, Jenna Geurts as a high school LD/CD teacher, Melissa Iverson as a high school CDS teacher, and James Klug as a high school EBD teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to accept the administration's recommendation for co-curricular contracts for 2013-2014 school year. LeRoy Krall, head cross country coach; Laura Deal, assistant cross country coach; Julie Kamla, head girls' tennis coach; Wayne Sacket, head football coach; Scott Johnson, JV football coach; Bob Gorniak, assistant football coach; Justin Jehn, assistant football coach; Rick Martinson, JV football coach; David Halverson, head boys' soccer coach; Cole Andres, JV boys' soccer coach; Darcy Saywer and Tina Thompson, co-head volleyball coach; Jamie Holst, JV volleyball coach; Becki Murphy, freshman volleyball coach; and Nicole Friell, high school fall dance team coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to accept the resignations of High School Social Studies Teacher Jeff Maves and Elementary Teacher Sara Bradley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, regarding the selection of an architect firm; and

WI Statute 19.85 (1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; for the purpose of discussing the West Salem Education Association and the West Salem School Employee Association base wages; and salaries for individual administrators and district/non-union staff for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:57 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to return to open session at 9:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve a 2.07% increase to the base wages for the West Salem Education Association for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the selection of the architectural firm StruXture Architects. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Abstain, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Nay, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlingen Aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Falck, Clerk

Patrick Bahr, Deputy Clerk